

Amendment and Response

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Title: DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTION TO MOBILE COMPUTING DEVICE**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, in which claims 1-30 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 5-8, 11, 21-24, and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1, 9, 12, 17, 18, 25, and 27-30 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-20, 25, and 27-30, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Santamaki et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,886,036.

With this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 17 have each been amended to clarify that translating the data file includes translating the data file of the electronic document into print instructions for the electronic document, transferring the print instructions to a printer, and converting the print instructions into the translated data file for the electronic document at the printer. In addition, independent claim 18 has been amended to clarify that the system includes a first processor adapted to translate a data file of the electronic document into print instructions for the electronic document and a second processor adapted to convert the print instructions into a translated data file for the electronic document, wherein the first processor is part of a computer and the second processor is part of a printer.

With respect to the Santamaki et al. patent, this patent does not teach or suggest a method of distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device as claimed in independent claim 1, a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method of distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device as claimed in independent claim 17, nor a system for distributing an electronic document to a mobile computing device as claimed in independent claim 18, wherein a data file of the electronic document is translated into print instructions for the electronic document, wherein the print instructions are transferred to a printer, and wherein the print instructions are converted into a translated data file for the electronic document at the printer. For example, the Santamaki et al. patent discloses that the electronic document is converted into an e-book

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format "at the desktop PC 10" if the emulation software is installed at the desktop PC 10 and, alternatively, is converted into an e-book format "at the e-book server 30" if the emulation software is installed at the e-book server 30 (col. 7, lines 21-32; col. 8, lines 7-16). The Santamaki et al. patent, however, does not disclose translating a data file of the electronic document into print instructions for the electronic document, transferring the print instructions to a printer, and converting the print instructions into a translated data file for the electronic document at the printer.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 17, and 18 are each patentably distinct from the Santamaki et al. patent and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-4, 9-10, and 12-16 further define patentably distinct claim 1, and dependent claims 19-20, 25, and 27-30 further define patentably distinct claim 18, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) be reconsidered and withdrawn and that claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-20, 25, and 27-30 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-4, 9, 10, 12-20, 25, and 27-30 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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